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Subj: MISSIONS AND FUNCTIONS OF
NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE
COMMAND (NISCOM) AREA
COMMANDS

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1. Purpose. To define the mission of NISCOM Area Commands.

2. Background. Reference (a) established Naval Investigative Service Area Commands Atlantic, Pacific and Europe, and aligned NISCOM Regions under these area commands. It also provided a general mission for these organizations. Experience gained over the past year provide input for refinement of the original mission.

3. Mission. To enhance the interface between NISCOM and the Fleet Commanders in Chief (FLTCINCs), Atlantic, Pacific, and Europe, in the areas of criminal investigations, counter-intelligence, and the full spectrum of NISCOM functions.

4. Functions. Commanding Officers of NISCOM area commands will:

a. Exercise command over all NISCOM activities, including the prioritization of investigative efforts and monitoring the progress of significant investigations, within the area command's Area of Responsibility (AOR).

b. Maintain direct liaison with the unified/specified Commanders in Chief (CINCs), the fleet CINC, the Commanding General (CG) of the Fleet Marine Force, and other senior commanders in the AOR, to ensure:

(1) they are cognizant of significant, relevant NISCOM activity within their AOR's; and,

(2) that appropriate Naval Investigative Service (NIS) support is provided.

c. Exercise primary NISCOM responsibility over the CINC's wartime counterintelligence architecture plan.

d. Within the CINC's AOR, monitor and report all significant hostile intelligence service activity directed against U.S. interests.

e. In coordination with NISCOM Anti-Terrorist Alert Center (ATAC), monitor and report all significant terrorist activity directed against U.S. interests within the CINC's AOR.

f. In conjunction with NISCOM, coordinate fleet requirements for information security, personnel security, law enforcement, and physical security programs within the AOR.

g. Coordinate the activities of the Naval Reserve Forces assigned in support of NISCOM regions within the area command's AOR.

h. To the extent feasible, ensure NISCOM planning, resource allocation, and the implementation of operational and administrative initiatives/programs are responsive to requirements and mission priorities of the fleet and its associated shore establishment.

i. Within the AOR, ensure all NIS processes, operations, and other activities are committed on a priority basis to continuous improvements in quality, and that measures are undertaken at all subordinate levels to fully implement Total Quality Leadership (TQL) measures in the performance of the NIS support mission.



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j. Provide oversight and chain of command review functions for all NISCOM Inspector General (IG) findings and other internal management matters, including personnel performance, occurring within the AOR.

k. In conjunction with NISCOM Headquarters, coordinate all NISCOM training programs in support of the fleet and shore establishment.

l. As directed by NISCOM, coordinate NIS direct support for unified command, fleet, and cognizant Joint Task Force (JTF) Counter-Narcotics (CN) initiatives within the AOR.

5. Reports. The reporting requirements contained in paragraphs 4d and 4e are exempt from reports controlled by SECNAVINST 5214.2B.

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